

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**June 7, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, by Dawn Higgins, Chairperson, at 7:35 p.m. Also in attendance were Commissioners Candy DeFillippis, Rick Feldman, Terry Finnegan, Joe Kresser, and Park Director Adam Payne. Absent was Commissioner Angela Wallace.

**Review of Past Minutes**

A motion was made by Joe Kresser to approve the minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting after a few changes, seconded by Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from Big Brothers Big Sisters requesting use of the pool for an event. This was discussed in our Open Public Session.

**Open Public Session**

A motion was made to open the Public Session of the meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Joe Kresser. Motion passed.

Jen Pace was in attendance to discuss using the pool for their Second Annual Dustin Merunka Memorial Swim-a-Thon to benefit Big Brothers Big Sister of Warren County. All Commissioners were in favor of the event. Jen will keep in touch with Adam Payne.

Tammy Moon was in attendance to discuss using Borough Field for a carnival in October to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary and Emergency Squad. The Commissioners were concerned about damage being done to the field by the trucks delivering the rides and also the fact that soccer and field hockey will be going on at the same time. Tammy will get back to the Commissioners with information regarding the equipment used and how the carnival is set up, plans for security, how many extra days would be required to both set up and take down the rides, and traffic on the field.

A motion to close the Public Session at 7:50 p.m. was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Joe Kresser. Motion passed.

**Park Director's Report**

Adam Payne reported that the pool is up and running. He will be providing training to the maintenance staff shortly. Per Joe Kresser's request, Adam will get the key to the bathroom fixed before the Men's Basketball season starts. Adam will also update the pool's bulletin board to include pictures and contact information to make key people more visible to pool patrons. Adam will measure both Memorial and Steinhart field by the next meeting and look into getting the poison ivy removed from the park. Rather than being enclosed with plexiglass, the kiosk at the park will be left open, with just the corkboard being replaced.

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### **Treasurer's Report**

Rick Feldman stated that the mulch has been paid for and pavilion tables have been ordered. Both PO's have been at Borough Hall for weeks. Terry Finnegan stated that the current payment procedure does not work.

### **Commissioner Reports**

There are no reports at this time.

### **New Business**

#### **Little League – 2007**

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Soccer Program**

A good number of parents volunteered to help out, so it should be a successful season. The Commission is looking into other fields to play on since Vara Field cannot be used.

#### **Pavilion Rental Fee**

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

#### **Pavilion Dedication Update**

The paving of Youmans Avenue has been completed, but there is still no driveway at the pavilion. Dawn Higgins reported that the Borough Manager will contact Bob Miller about this. A motion was made by Terry Finnegan, seconded by Rick Feldman, that the entire Recreation Commission should express profound dissatisfaction to the Borough Manager for not ensuring the handicapped parking area at the pavilion was paved and ready for the summer season. Motion passed.

#### **Mowing on Route 31 Hill**

Dawn Higgins reported that the Borough Manager will contact the Road Department to see if they can put that section of the park on the mowing schedule.

#### **Railroad Avenue Status Update**

Dawn Higgins reported that the letter to Dave Deck was sent late. Everything has now been completed and we are awaiting a response.

#### **Washington Meadows Soccer Field Status Update**

It seems no work has been done on the field for two months. The Commissioners are very unhappy with no progress being shown. They will possibly need to rent a field for the soccer program.

#### **Borough Park Stadium Light Status Update**

Dawn Higgins had a copy of the specs. She stated the Borough Manager asked for the Commission's opinion on the specs by Tuesday. All Commissioners agreed with the specs, but would like to find out about the removal of the old lights.

#### **Pool Renovation Project Status Update**

Adam Payne stated that the filtration system must be changed over in the Fall. The Commissioners would like the Borough Manager to come to our next meeting to discuss the RFP. Dawn Higgins

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reported that the Borough Manager believes the bid will be awarded in August. Terry Finnegan would like to know who will be overseeing the project once it begins.

### **Adult/High School Street Hockey**

Terry Finnegan is looking to hold this 10-week session mid-September thru November at Memorial School. Sign-ups will be held in the summer. Terry will contact the Devils and request equipment.

### **Executive Session**

A motion to enter Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate, and/or legal matters was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Candy DeFillippis. Motion passed.

A motion was made to close the Executive Session at 10:25 p.m. by Candy DeFillippis, seconded by Rick Feldman. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:27 p.m. by Terry Finnegan, seconded by Candy DeFillippis. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff